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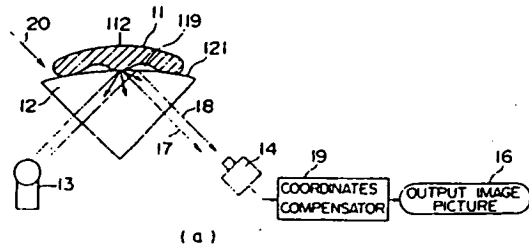
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(54) Apparatus for obtaining ridge line pattern image on a curved surface.

(57) In an apparatus for obtaining ridge line pattern image on a palm, a curved platen surface is provided for obtaining a good contact with curved surface of the palm.

FIG. 1



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